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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HABIB

E.O. 120651 RDS 1,3,4 6/6/82 (GROVE JR, BRANDON) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, MILI, IS, US, LE, SY
SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION: JUNE 8 MEETING WITH ALIGNMENT
OPPOSITION LEADERS

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: PERES AND COMPANY STRONGLY SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S STATED LIMITED OBJECTIVES OF THE IDF INCURSION AND BELIEVE THAT THUS FAR IT IS BEING CONDUCTED WITHIN THOSE PARAMETERS. CRITICAL OF THE UN CALL FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL IDF WITHDRAWAL, THEY WARN THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT ACCEPT A CEASEFIRE UNTIL PLO GUNS AND ROCKETS CURRENTLY UNDER THE SYRIAN UMBRELLA IN "PATAHLAND" ON THE EASTERN FRONT ARE REMOVED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FROM STRIKING RANGE OF THE GALILEE. MOREOVER THE IDF WILL NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE NEW BUFFER ZONE UNTIL REPLACED BY A SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE, PREFERABLY AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE, OR FAILING THAT PERHAPS AN EXPANDED CHRISTIAN MILITIA PRESENCE. CLEARLY WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY

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OF CLASHES WITH SYRIAN FORCES LEADING TO AN ESCALATION, THEY URGE THAT WE PLAY A MAJOR ROLE ACROSS THE BOARD TO GET A PROPER CEASEFIRE AND FOLLOWUP POLITICAL RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

3. ACCOMPANIED BY SAM LEWIS, DCM BROWN, AND NAT HOWELL, I SPENT AN HOUR AT NOON TODAY WITH ALIGNMENT OPPOSITION LEADERS SHIMON PERES, YITZHAK RABIN, AND ABBA EBAN. REVIEWING MY MANDATE AS I HAD WITH BEGIN LAST NIGHT, I STRESSED THAT HE HAD CONSISTENTLY CALLED FOR AN END TO THE ISRAELI ACTION AS REFLECTED IN OUR VOTE ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 508 AND 509, AS WELL AS OUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS. THE QUESTION NOW IS HOW TO ARRIVE AT A SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT WITHOUT HARMING OUR OTHER INTERESTS, INCLUDING THE PEACE PROCESS, OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS IN THE REGION, AND U.S.-ISRAELI BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD DESCRIBED FOR ME THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES AND HAD TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SIMILARLY BRIEFED THE OPPOSITION. I THEN ASKED FOR THEIR THOUGHTS FOR THE SHORT-TERM AND MID-TERM FUTURE.

4. PERES SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE CLEAR DIFFERENCES WITH BEGIN'S GOVERNMENT ON SOME POLICY ISSUES VIS-A-VIS THE PLO, E.G. THE ALIGNMENT INSISTS THAT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION MUST BE POLITICAL, THEY GENERALLY SEE EYE TO EYE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- ISRAEL HAS NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN LEBANON.

-- THERE IS NO INTENTION TO KEEP THE IDF IN LEBANON FOREVER. THE OPERATION IS LIMITED IN SCOPE AND TIME ("NOT YEARS OR MONTHS").

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-- THERE IS NO INTENT TO GIVE THIS OPERATION A WAR DIMENSION.

-- THERE IS NO INTENTION OF ENGAGING THE SYRIANS IN WAR.

5. BRIEFLY REVIEWING THE EVENTS WHICH LED UP TO THE ISRAELI INCURSION, PERES SAID THAT ONCE PLO ARTILLERY AND ROCKETS STARTED TO SHELL NORTHERN ISRAEL THERE WAS NO REAL ALTERNATIVE TO PUSHING THEM OUT OF RANGE. PERES ET AL REITERATED THAT THE OPERATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED WITHIN THE LIMITED PARAMETERS WHICH HAD BEEN DESCRIBED TO THEM AND THEY WOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT. (RABIN ADDED A CAVEAT: THE MOVE TO DAMOUR WOULD NOT EXCEED THE PARAMETERS PROVIDED THAT IT WAS ONLY A BLOCKING ACTION.) ALL THREE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SOUGHT TO INFORM THE SYRIANS IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY THAT IT DESIRED NO CLASH WITH SYRIAN FORCES.

6. OPINING THAT THE IDF'S GROUND OBJECTIVES HAD BEEN LARGELY ACHIEVED, PERES AND HIS COLLEAGUES THEN CONCERNED ON THE MAJOR UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS. PLO ARTILLERY REMAINS UNDER SYRIAN UMBRELLA, AND THEY BELIEVE EFFECTIVE COMMAND/COORDINATION ON THE EASTERN FRONT ("FATAHLAND") NORTH OF HASBAYYA. Kfar Uval AND SOME OTHER VILLAGES LAST NIGHT CAME UNDER FIRE FROM THIS PLO ARTILLERY. THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH A SITUATION WAS INTOLERABLE AND PERES AND HIS FRIENDS WERE WORRIED THAT THE SITUATION COULD EASILY GET OUT OF CONTROL AND LEAD TO A CONFLICT

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